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Another great response from MD TAMS... THANKS...Your labors make my job a pleasure...
Don't forget the ANA...Russ Sears will keynote the TAMS meeting and I will be giving my Chalmers' Dig Tale on August 1st at 11 am in the Numismatic Theatre...What a nice way to celebrate my 75th Birthday! Come One, Come All a good time will be had by all...

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETING:

SATURDAY AUGUST 2 at 11 am

American Numismatic Association Convention

BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER

Room TBA

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The 117th American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention is just around the corner. This is a tremendous opportunity for the members of the Maryland Token and Medal Society to immerse themselves in so many aspects of their hobby. This is an opportunity not often available. Do not miss it. There will be so much to see and do. There will be numerous exhibits, the United States Mint, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, many foreign mints, and the Numismatic Theater. Many national hobby organizations will be there including the national Token and Medal Society. They will have a business meeting, a banquet and a speakers forum where our very own Russ Sears will be the keynote speaker.

Maryland TAMS will be very visible as we are an Honorary Host Club and many of us have ANA Chairmanship responsibilities. Many of you will also be volunteering to help with registration. If you have not volunteered yet, please see Tom Palmer of MSNA or myself. If you volunteer for five hours, you will get a commemorative shirt, a silver plated host club medal and have your parking paid (up to $10). These folks will greet ANA attendees and help make sure they know how the registration and related processes function.

On Saturday 2 August at 1100 we have our Maryland Token and Medal Society annual meeting. Check at the Local Club table in the lobby for the exact room number. As usual, we will hand out the well deserved annual literary and membership awards. Those in attendance can purchase the new ANA 117th annual convention Host Club four medal sets. The medal was designed by Mill Hajek and shows the Pride of Baltimore II on the obverse and has a welcome from the five local host clubs on the reverse. These will make a nice ANA commemorative souvenir and are in limited supply. The ANA too has produced a medal commemorating the convention. The medal features Edgar Allen Poe and can be pre-ordered from the ANA or purchased at their store at the convention.

The last Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition (BANC) show of 2008 will be held at the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Bridge Road on Sunday 5 October from 9AM – 4PM. Remember that BANC is important to the financial health of the Maryland Token and Medal Society. Come by and give us a few hours of your time and support this show.

****** 117th ANA CONVENTION: WED 30 JULY - SUN 03 AUGUST 2008 ******

Edward L. Craig
President, Maryland Token and Medal Society

Minutes of the **March 1, 2008** MD TAMS meeting held in the North Show Office of the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

I-Meeting called to order by President (E.L. Craig) at 11:07am with 21 members (no guests) in attendance (copy of attendance sheet is attached).

II-Minutes of last meeting (11-11-07) read by Secretary Boswell. Said minutes approved as read.

III-Treasurer's Report:Read by Treasuer (R.W. Ruby). Copy of said report attached. Said report to stand until/unless audited.

IV-Committee Reports:

a-Journal-Editor (W.R. Mumford) said he appreciated those members who had written one or more articles for our Journal but more articles are needed

b-Elongateds-M.W. Hajek reported that he had taken in $121.60 for elongateds

c-References-E.L. Craig reported that no new references are pending at this time

d-Book-E.L. Craig reported that he had nothing new to report

V-Announcements:

a-President Craig reported that our long time member Ed Lanham had passed away

b-President Craig reported that any of our members who volunteer to--and do--work at this year's ANA Convention (to be held at the Baltimore Convention Center) will receive a golf shirt, possible stipend for parking, etc.

Note:More details on the above to be forth coming!

c-B. Doxzon (the Exhibits Chairman for this year's ANA) reported that the deadline for sending in your exhibit(s) application is June 5, 2008

d-President Craig announced that this year's Annual Meeting would be on 8-2-08 (time, etc . TBA) during the ANA Convention

VI-Old Business:

a-President Craig advised that this year's Swap Meet had been a success and he spoke about some of the things that were/can be learned at our Swap Meets.

VII-New Business:

a-President Craig-A local committee can put on a program for the Boy Scouts

Note:J.J. Burford has four dies for BSA elongateds

b-Motion by W. Mumford, 2nd by W. Lenz that we donate $25 to the local Boy Scouts to fund a elongated, etc. program. President Craig asked if there was any discussion on the motion (no one responded) so a vote (which was unanimous) was taken on the motion in question

c-President Craig-A medal (for this year's ANA) that would have our Club's logo on its reverse would cost $350.00 **plus** $50 for a "generic" obverse. Motion by W. Lenz, 2nd by D. Hajek that we proceed with this project as noted by President Craig. Discussion. Motion passed.

VIII-Show & Tell:

a-B. Bodt-Tokens (made of fiber) and how to clean them, etc. (article on same to appear in our Fall 2008 Journal)

b-R. Kaminski-Some of the elongateds available at today's Show

c-J. Boswell-Article about us that had appeared in the 3-3-08 **edition** of Coin World.

IX-Break taken so that everyone could "stretch their legs, view the auction lots, etc.

X-Auction held (R. Sears was the auctioneer (he was assisted by E. Craig) & the recorders were J.Boswell & R.Ruby) which resulted in $45.30 in commission being added to our treasury.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary

Minutes of the June 7, 2008 meeting (held in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD) of MD TAMS

I-Meeting called to order by President E.L. CRAIG AT !!:03am with 17 members & 1 guest in attendance (copy of attendance is attached).

II-Minutes of the last meeting (3-1-08) read by Secretary J.M. BOSWELL Said minutes accepted as read.

III-Treasurer's Report:Read by Treasurer R.W. Ruby. Copy of said report is attached. Said report to stand unless/until audited.

iv-Committee Reports:

a-Journal-Editor (W.R. Mumford) absent. President Craig spoke on the need of articles for our Journal.

b-Elongated Quarters-M.Hajek noted that these sets are currently up-to-date.

V-Old Business:

a-A.N.A.Convention-President Craig advised:(1)That those who work as "greeters" at this year's ANA Convention for 5 hours would receive gifts including a T-Shirt with the ANA logo,, have their parking paid for, get a Convention Medal, etc. & (2)Those who work 10 hours (on the same day)) would also get those items plus a free ticket to the ANA Banquet

b-Host Club(s) Medal Project President Craig noted that:(1)The "Pride of Baltimore" will be on the obverse of each medal with each Club's logo on the reverse & (2)We will get 20 sets (each set has four medals in it) which will be sold to members on a 1st come, 1st served basis

VI-New Business:

a-President Craig-The ANA will give a "stipend" to each Club whose members work at the Convention (we will get $125.00).

VII-Announcements:

a-President Craig-Our 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on 8-2-08 during the ANA Convention & is scheduled to begin at 11:00am

b-President Craig reminded everyone that we will have at least two different officers in 2009 AS our VP (W. Stone) and our Treasurer (R. RUBY) to not run for re-election.

c-President Craig-This year's ANA Medal will be on display (& for sale) at the ANA booth during the ConventioN.

d-President Craig-This year's ANA Medal was designed by our own B. Doxzon

e-R. Sears-The topic for his program at this year's ANA Convention is "History as told by Baltimore medals"

VIII-Show & Tell

a-R. Sears-Ambrotype of a omnibus which was used in Baltimore

b-K. Keller-Medal issued for the AF & AM's Lodge #44 (Bel Air, MD) 200th Anniversary in 2008 & a 1959 medal from Mt. Ararat Lodge of the AF & AM.

c-W. Stratemeyer-"Special" business cards made by MD TAMS member J. Sears

d-R. KAMINSKI-(1)Wooden nickel from Towson, MD , (2)Baseball medal (3)Pride of Baltimore coaster , (4)A medal (in German) about boats & (5)A book titled "History of the Oyster Industry"

IX-Break taken so members could view the auction lots, stretch their legs, etc.

X-Auction held (R. Sears was the auctioneer, E. Craig was his assistant, J. Boswell & R. Ruby were the recorders) which resulted in $29.20 being added to our treasury.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

THE HISTORY OF BONNIE BLINK

By Karl Keller

A Masonic home for Maryland had been talked about for seventy-five years before a definite move was made in May, 1923, when the Grand Lodge adopted Article Thirty to its Constitution establishing a Masonic Home Fund. From then until May 1927, about one hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars was accumulated. During this period of time the search was on for suitable property. Several parcels were under consideration, among them being five-hundred acres of the Catoctin Furnace Tract, about one mile from Thurmont. At the Semi-Annual Communication in May, 1927, the Board of Managers were authorized, empowered and directed to proceed toward the purchase of land, construction, furnishing and maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

The actual agreement for the purchase of Bonnie Blink was consummated on May 17, 1927. The owners were John B. Wailes and his wife, Anna (or Annie). They contracted to sell the farm consisting of two-hundred and sixty-six point two acres for the sum of forty-five thousand dollars in fee. The deed was dated June 30, 1927. An additional twenty-seven acres were acquired almost simultaneously from Wilbur C. Swam and his wife, Clara for one hundred and ninety dollars per acre. The total cost of the entire tract was fifty-five thousand forty-nine dollars and forty-three cents. The property was improved by a large frame building, which could serve as a temporary home and had much development potential. Following the purchases of Bonnie Blink farm, the mansion house was renovated, furnished and opened for inspection on Saturday, July 2, and an invitation extended to Masons throughout Maryland to visit as they had an opportunity. Bonnie Blink was left open for visitors until the early part of September and then closed for fall and winter. Dinners were served at a modest price and at a loss, but it was felt the program was worth bringing the many visitors to the site. Approximately fifteen-thousand people visited Bonnie Blink within a two-month period. When the Grand Lodge met for its Annual communication in 1927, the Trustees announced Bonnie Blink would be open for visitors from April to October and by the end of 1927, the Endowment Fund had reached about two-hundred thousand dollars.

The purchase price and cost of maintenance for the first year had been taken entirely from general funds of the Grand Lodge in order to leave the Home fund in tact. It was estimated an Endowment Fund of at least one and a half million dollars would be needed for the proposed Home. This would mean an average contribution of about fifty-dollars for each of the more than thirty thousand Masons in Maryland.

Grand Master Seipp in his Annual Communication Address of 1928, described the first "Cornhusking". Following are excerpts of that Address:
"On November 12, 1928, we had a husking party. We had seventy acres of corn that needed husking and we thought it would be a wonderful thing if we could get at least one-hundred men to go into the fields and give a day work for the cause."

He went on to report that twelve-hundred and , fifty men showed up for that first "Cornhusking" and that in three hours the husking was finished. The Lodge that won the prize for being first on the grounds had twenty-one men in the fields at 1:30a.m. They husked by lantern and flashlight. It was snowing. One lodge sent men over two-hundred miles to join in the work. So much was accomplished that extra cribs had to be built to hold the crop of six-hundred barrels. The first souvenir penny was furnished by Jacob F. Obrecht of Oriental Lodge #158 and was paid to each brother who took part. It was evidence needed to participate in the Barbecue that followed.

The second "Cornhusking" party was held on Armistice Day, 1929. Already it was realized what a splendid opportunity to bring the Masons together. During this year, approximately forty-five and one half-additional acres were acquired for Bonnie Blink.

The year 1930 was fruitful for Bonnie Blink, marred only by the death of Grand Master Warren Seipp. His dying words to E. Lee Hickman were, "Lee, I do not believe I will ever live to see Bonnie Blink together with you again, but if we do not, tell the boys to carry on." And carry on they did for the records show that three thousand Masons gathered on the Third Annual Husking Party. Three additions had been made to the acreage and by 1930, Bonnie Blink consisted of three-hundred and thirty-eight point seven acres.

Mr. A. Burdick, a graduate of Cornell University Agricultural Department, was engaged as the first farm manager and farming became a very serious business. A particular effort was made to have outstanding purebred livestock. Nine Guernsey's were taken to Timonium State Fair where they won a total of eight prizes.

The year 1931 marked another milestone in the history of Bonnie Blink. On the afternoon of the day for the Semi-Annual Communication, May, 19, ground was broken for the first unit on Bonnie Blink, sixty-five hundred Masons, their families and friends gathered for the ceremonies. The architect for the building was Bro. William E. Emmart of M.A. Long Construction Company. The contract was for an estimated sum of three-hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars. Boilers, heating, plumbing, elevator, etc. brought the total to five-hundred and ninety-two thousand, six hundred and five dollars.

Bro. Emmart completed plans for the Infirmary just prior to his death, December 31, 1949. According to the Baltimore Sun, Bonnie Blink was perhaps his most famous building.

The old mansion house was razed in 1931 to make room for the new Homes. A temporary teahouse was erected to help in entertainment of visitors during the building operations. More that two-hundred acres of land were put into cultivation during this year.

On October 10, 1931, the Grand Lodge met in Special Communication at Bonnie Blink to lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Home. It was estimated that five-thousand people witnessed the ceremonies. The trowel and gavel used on this occasion were the same as used by George Washington

to lay the cornerstone of the Nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. on September 18, 1793. Many Masonic tokens and printed materials were placed in a copper box and sealed within the cornerstone as well as copies of the Grand Lodge proceedings as early as 1842.

Bonnie Blink was entirely paid for when it was dedicated - October 22, 1932. The decision was made to open the Home on May 1, 1933, but that was the year of the big depression so the actual opening was postponed until May 1, 1934. Opening on this date was made possible, in part, by a bequest of Bro. Arthur Wallenhorst of Joppa Lodge#132, in the amount of approximately one-hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. Most of the gift was used as the nucleus of a permanent Endowment Fund which was established when the Homes opened.

Eleven guests were among the first group to enter. There were four married couples. By the November Communication in 1934, applications had risen to sixty-seven.

The first religious services were conducted on May 6, 1934 by the Grand Chaplain John I. Yellott, Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Bel Air. Plans were made to hold services every Sunday afternoon at 3:00, which still holds today.

A Medical Clinic was dedicated on October 30, 1934. It was donated by Baltimore Forest #45, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Bro. E. Lee Hickman, the Homes first Superintendent reported to the November communication in 1934 that the kitchen department with assistance of residents had prepared four-hundred and twenty-three quarts of canned vegetables, four-hundred and fifty-one quarts of canned and preserved fruit, and three-hundred and forty-two glasses of jelly.

In the library were nearly sixteen-hundred volumes. All donated by friends. Many gifts were received during this period. Among them, our barber chair and pool table which is in use today.

The tower clock and its bell were dedicated on October 26, 1935. This was made possible by a gift of forty-two hundred and fifty-dollars from Thomas D. Epron of Pythagoras Lodge#123. In the fall of 1935, Bonnie Blink was presented a portrait of the late G. M. Seipp.

This hangs in our Board Room today. Plans were announced for the addition.
Included in these plans was the Chapel at an estimated cost of fifty-thousand dollars. The dental clinic was equipped with funds earned from a series of suppers served at the Temple by Miss Helen Schaefer and Miss Marie Sack. By November, there were forty-four persons in the Home.

The first Easter Sunrise Services were held at Bonnie Blink in 1936 with about one hundred persons present. Also, this marked the year that the Trustees began holding their meeting at the Home with dinner in the dining room with the residents. Another first this year was a special dispensation granted by the Grand Master to hold a Lodge of Instruction. About sixty-five brethren attended, representing twenty-two lodges.

Cornhusking was discontinued during the years 1932 through 1936 and voted by Grand Lodge to resume in 1937. Also, there were no husking parties during the war years of 1942, 1943 and 1944.

During 1937, the Endowment Fund received more that one-hundred thousand dollars from the Estate of Arthur D. Rivers and the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star undertook the project to erect the Chapel. The new Chapel was dedicated on June 4, 1938. It was presented by Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star and Grand Master Harry B. Wright accepted the presentation.

By the spring of 1947, there were one-hundred and eleven residents at Bonnie Blink and the Infirmary fund had reached two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The Annual Cornhusking Day was a wet one, for it rained all day. Despite this, however, attendance was the second largest in its history. Cornhusking Party of 1948 was held on the first Saturday in November and more than four thousand Masons attended, partaking of a barbecue luncheon.

The contract for the Infirmary was authorized on September 14, 1949 to John K. Rutt, Inc. at a price of approximately two-hundred eighty-three thousand, one hundred and fifty-five dollars, exclusive of the elevator. The cornerstone was laid on November 12, 1949.

Over the years, Cornhusking has remained one of the most memorable days of the year, even though there is no longer corn to husk. The day is now one of fellowship, good times, and rededication of memories for all of those who, over the years, have done so much for the brotherhood of mankind.

(Information for this article was gleaned from "History of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, 1888-1950") Carl N. Everstein, Fort Cumberland Lodge #211.

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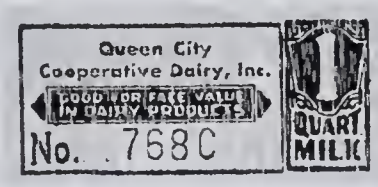

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MARBLE HALL

38 & 40 WEST BALTIMORE STREET

BY

Jane Sears

Photo Harper Barzar November 2, 1867

The Popular Clothing and Merchant Tailoring house of Smith Brothers and Company was owned by Judson H. Smith. He advertised in the Sun Newpaper in Baltimore from about 1862 to 1871. The business was located at 38 and 40 W. Baltimore Street, MARBLE HALL, in Baltimore City, Maryland. It was a large white building on the northeast side between Harrison and Frederick Streets. Mr. Smith was born about 1837 in Connecticut. Prior to coming to Baltimore, Judson ran a clothing store in Washington, DC in the early 1860's.

Extensive research concluded that none of Judson's brothers were in the business with him. They all remained in Connecticut from 1850 to after 1880. On some of the listing of the name of the company, it is listed as Smith (comma) Brothers and Company. No Brothers (last name) are listed in conjunction with this company. An E. M. Hurdle is listed in the directories with Judson for the company. Mr. Edwin H. Hurdle was employed in the Furnishing Goods Department; later in 1877, he became the manager of the New York Clothing House.

Smith Brothers and Company carried the greatest stock of wholesale ready-made clothing and also material available for sale in the city at the lowest prices. Their sale inventory ran between 60,000 and 80,000 Dollars. The line of clothes were for Men and Boy only.

Items for sale:

Boy's Suits and Overcoats
Boy's Linen and Alpaca Suits
Men's Linen & Cassimer Suits
Men's Business Suits and Overcoats
Men's Dress and Business Pants
Black Frock and Sack Coats

Furnishings goods:

Shirts & Collars
Undergarments
Ties & Scarfs
Gloves
Hankerchiefs
Straw and Felt Hats

The sale force of the company consisted of:

Ready-Made Department (employing 14 men)
Furnishing Goods Department (employing 4 men)
Custom Department (employing 7 men)
Hat Department (employing several men)

The manufacturing department employed skillful cutters and sewers. Orders were left by customers for the Custom Clothing Department. Smith Brothers & Company turned out the latest fashion of French, English and Scotch Designs.

In November 1865, the company obtained the full dress moving man that was on display at the fair of the Maryland Institute. It's home became the front window of Smith Brothers and Company.

From the July 31, 1867 issue of the Sun newspaper prices for men's and boy's clothing are as follows:

Linen Coats	$ 2.00	to	$ 10.00
Gent's Linen Suits	$ 3.50	to	$ 8.00
Boy's Cassimer Suits	$ 7.00	to	$ 12.00
Gent's Cassimer Suits	$ 12.00	to	$ 30.00

Smith Brothers and Company whose name as a famed clothiers was said and sung in prose and poetry was on every family household lips. The fabrics being of the choicest textures and the workmanship of a style reflecting much credit on the establishment. In May 1867, they opened a Hat Department to accomodate the demand of their many customers. Under the experienced direction of Harry C. Nicely

" The Live Hatter".

Poem from November 18, 1865
The Sun newspaper, Baltimore

The Boy's Appeal

By the Bard of Marble Hall.

Murder! Murder! what shall I do?
My clothes are bought and paid for too;
But they fit so bad, I don't like them at all.
Oh, why didn't they buy them at MARBLE HALL?

I will go to father, and ask him please
To get me suit fitting better than these:
He will surely oblige me, altho' I'm small,
And get me a suit at MARBLE HALL.

They make them so nice, the cloth is so fine,
And then they don't cost half as much as mine,
And every one goes there, if he only can crawl,
For he's sure to be suited at MARBLE HALL.

Low look at Tom Harris, did ever you see
A boy that is handsomer dressed than he?
He got them so cheap, you will say: "was that all
He paid for that suit at MARBLE HALL.

And look at Joe Thomas, every one know
He was dumpy and short till he got those clothes,
But now he looks shapely, and straight and tall,
Because he's been fitted at MARBLE HALL.

I must have a suit from Smith, Brothers & Co.,
For the girls fall in Love wherever you go:
In the street, in the house, in church or at ball,
If you're wearing a suit from MARBLE HALL.

Photo Harper Barzar November 2, 1867

The gentlemen there are honest and true,
They scorn to take any advantage of you:
Then, fathers, just listen, I pray, to my call,
And buy your sons' clothes at MARBLE HALL.

When you can can find the largest assortment of
MENS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING together with a
large line of PIECE GOODS for Custom Works,
SMITH BROS. & CO.
Clothiers and Merchant tailors,
38 and 40 West Baltimore Street.

From the December 3, 1864 Sun Newspaper, Baltimore.

HIGH PRICE - HOW HE LOOKS - WHAT HE DOES - WHERE HE STAYS, AND - WHERE HE DON'T STOP. - BY THE "BARD OF MARBLE HALL".

You have heard of "High Price" and his dastardly acts,
A thing of the past until lately,
But war with its waste has made him so bold,
He's grown to be monstrous and stately.

I need not portray him, you know him too well;
He's the tyrant who grinds all your faces;
Only merchants alone, WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL,
Ever welcome him into their graces.

He bears down the poor with his merciless load,
Till their dust with its kindred dust moulders;
With pitiless eye he gathers his toll,
From the widows and orphans of soldiers.

You meet him in market, you meet him "on 'Change,"
At the "bar, where, Pleads; the poor toper;
"Fifteen cents" says "High price, and he'll take nothing less;
NO WONDER SO MANY LOOK SOBER.

While merchants still welcome him into their stores.
Let it glad you to know there is one place.
(That is at SMITH BROS. & CO., "MARBLE HALL,")
Where he never dare show his hard-lined face.

Photo Harper Barzar Noverber 2, 1867

If ever he attempts enterance, it will be the occasion of a great battle, of which the "Bard" will duly inform you.
We invite you to call at our MAMMOTH MANUFACTORY
40 WEST BALTIMORE STREET
SMITH BROS. & CO.

Where we are selling good Goods of our best make, cut and trim, thoroughly sponged, at less than NORTHERN PRICES; *The growing popularity of* "MARBLE HOUSE" *CLOTHING HOUSE.*

Proves that we have made a lucky hit, while the hundreds who daily visit our store (some doubtless, out of curiosity) and go away either bearing or wearing.
OUR GARMENTS, -

Prove that the citizens and visitors of BALTIMORE. - *ARE AS WIDE AWAKE* - *of their own interests* - AS IN ANY EASTERN CITY, - *and will buy where they can get* - THE BEST GOODS AT *THEIR LOWEST -PRICES.* -

Grateful for your past patronage, we continue to invite everybody to call at
MARBLE HALL - CLOTHING HOUSE, CLOTHIERS - MERCHANT TAILORS - AND - DEALERS IN PIECE GOODS FOR THE TAILORS USE,
PLEASE CALL AT *MARBLE HOUSE*
No. 40 WEST BALTIMORE STREET SMITH BROS. & CO.

Reporters who visited the establishment of Smith Brothers & Company published this article in the October 28, 1865 of The Sun Newspaper, Baltimore.

Communicated

It has often been a wonder to us how Smith Bros. & Co. have managed to build up such an extensive business in the Clothing, Merchant Tailoring and Gents' Furnishing Goods. Commencing here a few years ago in a single room, 15 by 60, they have gradually increased their store to four large sale rooms, and have even worked their neighbors out, and now occupy the large store No. 38, adjoining Marble Hall, and on visiting their establishment we found about fifteen salesmen as busy as they could be, and in conversation with the proprietors, found that business was continually on the increase with them. In conversation with them they gave us the following information, which we publish, in regard to their mode of doing business.

The clerks are not allowed to misrepresent goods, and any one purchasing goods of them, if dissatisfied, can return the goods of them, and have the money refunded. They also infomed us that all their goods were sponged, and in fact we saw hundred of yards of goods going through the sponging process. We were shown all through the manufacturing department and then through the salesrooms, and it gives us much pleasure in saying that we never saw so large and as good an assortment of Men's and Boy's clothing in our time. We were then shown over a hundred and fifty different styles of Cassimers for custom work, and we priced them and found them about 25 per cent, lower than we have been in the habit of paying. We left our orders for suits and over coats, and laid in a full supply of Undergarments, Shirts, Ties, Socks and Gloves, and told the proprietors that we were pleased with our visit, and should use our influence to increase their business.

They thanked us kindly, and handed us a few of their cards, and we bid adieu to the house we have heard and read so much about, and feeling in a writing mode, went to our office and penned the above in regard to Marble Hall, 40 West Baltimore Street, of which Smith Bros. & Co. are the proprietors. We have no doubt but their business will still continue to increase, and we have no doubt but our many readers will give them a call, when in want of anything for man or boy.

Also another article from the November 1, 1865 Sun Newspaper, Baltimore.

Communicated

It affords us much pleasure in calling your attention to the large stock of Clothing now offered at the lowest possible price by the well known house of Smith Bros. & Co. We can assure our numerous readers that no house is so well spoken of as the best place in town to clothe the world of man. Give them a call and we will warrant you satisfaction.

Smith Bros. & Co., Clothiers, Merchant Tailors and Dealers in Gent's Furnishing Goods. 38 and 40 West Baltimore St.

Census:

1850	Connecticut	East Haddam, Middlesex	occupation	value	born
	Smith, Elisa	52			Conn.
	Emily	21			Conn.
	Norman	19	Farmer		Conn.
	Albert	17			Conn.
	Ambrose	15			Conn.
	Judson	13			Conn.
	Antionette	9			Conn.
	Franklin	4			Conn.
1860	District of Columbia	page 232			
	Judson Smith	23	clothier	$1500	Conn.
1870	MD Baltimore 9th ward	page 137			
	Judson Smith	32	clothing		Conn.
1880	MD Baltimore 8th ward	page 6			
	Judson Smith	40	clothing dealer		Conn.

Judson H. Smith, (tailor and clothier) later in December 1867 opened the New Clothing House at No. 106 West Baltimore Street. Located in Oak Hall, next to Adams Express Office.

Baltimore City Directories:

1864	Smith Brothers & Co.	Marble Hall Clothing House	40 w. Baltimore
1865	Smith, Judson H. (Smith Brothers & Co.)		40 w. Baltimore
	Smith Brothers & Co. Marble Hall Clothing House and Gents' furnishing store		
	(*See top lines inside and lines around front cover*) all 618 pages in directory.		38 and 40 w.Baltimore
	Business directory section - retail clothiers		
	Smith Brothers & Co.		38 and 40 w. Baltimore
1867-68	Smith Brothers & Co. Marble Hall Clothing House and Gents' furnishing store		38 and 40 w. Baltimore
	Smith, Judson H. (S. Brothers & Co. and J. H. Smith & Co.)		40 w. Baltimore
	Business directory section - retail clothiers		
	Smith Brothers & Co.		38 and 40 w. Baltimore
1869	Smith Bros. & Co. (John H. S., Edwin M. Hurdle) Marble Hall Clothing House and Gent's furnishing		
	Smith, Judson H. (S. Bros. & Co.)		40 w. Baltimore
	Business directory section - retail clothiers		
	Smith Brothers & Co.		38 and 40 w. Baltimore
1871	Smith Bros. & Co. (Judson H. Smith, E. M. Hurdle) clothing and gent's furn. goods		50 w. Baltimore
	Smith, Judson H. (S. Bros. & Co.)		38 1/2 w. Baltimore
	Business directory section - retail clothiers		
	Smith Brothers & Co.		50 w. Baltimore
1876	Smith, J. H. Co. (J. H. Smith) clothing house		133 w. Baltimore
1877	Smith, J. H. & Co (J. H. Smith) clothing house		126 w. Baltimore
	Business directory section - retail clothier		
	Smith, J. H. & Co.		126 w. Baltimore

Listed in the Maryland Merchant Token book by David E. Schenkman (1986)
A project by the Maryland Token and Medal Society.

page 106 S240a SMITH BROS. & CO. / CLOTHIERS / FURNISHERS, / 38 & 40 / WEST BALTIMORE / STREET, / MARBLE HALL /
Embossed shell card
M (Liberty head facing left; 13 stars around / 1868
obv: green cardboard
Rev: brass 35 mm

S240b same as S240a
Embossed shell card
M obv: lavender cardboard
rev: brass 35mm

shown at 100% size

This clothing store went out of business during the late 1870's.

Using a Token - Another Russ' Great Adventure - April 2008

By Russ Sears

Baltimore, MD Catalogue number MD60-AY -16mm WM

As a token collector, I think it particularly neat to actually use a token. Since most of my friends don't ride public transportation, they do not know how the systems around Baltimore work.

In the Baltimore area, we have bus, light rail and subway. The standard fare is $ 1.60, but disabled persons with MTA ID or seniors who are 65 and over qualify for $ .55. A ticket to ride all day is $ 3.50 standard and $ 1.20 disabled and senior. The illustrated token is good for $ 1.60 but if you don't use the whole amount, you don't get change.

Until the bus fare boxes are changed to eliminate tokens, this token can be used on the bus. It is the only place I have found that allows tokens. As a senior with a token, I went on a great adventure using my token for an all day ticket. The ticket has a scan strip on the back which must be scanned when entering a bus or subway.

Light rail riders are on an honor system to pay. That is, until they get caught trying to ride for free, without purchasing a ticket. The MTA has personnel periodically checking to see that the riders have a valid ticket. While these illegal riders are subject to fines, when I have seen them caught, the ticket examiner puts them off at the next stop. Obviously, on the light rail, there are many people who take the chance of getting caught and often ride for free.

In April 2008, I went on another of my great adventures... looking for lot 55, one acre of the 60 one acre lots in the original Baltimore Town. It was the lot which my great, great,

great, great, great grandfather, Rev. Dr. John Sayre purchased, subject to ground rent, in 1765. I located it between Lombard and Water, and Commerce and Gay. It is the west half of the block between Commerce and Water. The other half of the block is the U. S. Customs House, lot 56. What I refer to as my lot (I wish) is now the parking lot for the Customs House.

We don't know when we "lost" our lot, but, beginning in 1830 and into the early 1900's, part of the lot housed The Merchants Exchange. This is the claim to fame because in 1865, following the death of President Abraham Lincoln, Lincoln's body was brought to Baltimore via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Camden Station. It was then taken to The Merchants Exchange for viewing where 10,000 Baltimoreans paid their respects. Just a few hours later, the body was moved to the Calvert Street Station (current site of the Baltimore Sun newspaper on Calvert Street) from which it headed north to Pennsylvania.

After taking pictures of the parking lot from different angles, we headed to the MTA office at Baltimore and St. Paul Streets. We got our MTA ID card and headed to the subway entrance. It was our first trip on the subway. After scanning our all day ticket, we took the ride to Owings Mills with relatively few stops along the way. Having ridden subways in New York, London and Paris, it was an interesting experience to ride the one in Baltimore.

The subway is very clean and very smooth. And, it is very fast. As I rode it, I thought how nice it would be to have a subway in my area. But, it isn't, so I either take the bus or go to Lutherville to pick up the light rail. Returning from Owings Mills, I stopped by the Lexington Market (over 200 years old) for lunch. In the early to mid-60's, when I worked downtown, I sometimes went through the market.

Next stop was at Eutaw and Saratoga, an intersection I passed daily between my job at Hutzler's and the Lexington Market Parking Garage where I parked my car. The northeast corner is part of the MTA system now, but in the early 1800's, it was the site of Henry Winter's blacksmith shop. Henry was my great, great, great, great grandfather. After a couple photos, I walked all over the area, headed to pick up the bus to go home. But, before I did that I had to stop and talk with Paul Binder at Baltimore Gold and Silver on Charles Street. Paul is also a very serious Baltimore historian, so we have some great talks when we get together. Going east on Fayette Street, I went over to Gay Street and picked up the next number 19 bus to Carney.

All told, on this great adventure, I used a token, rode the bus, found my ancestor's lots, rode the subway, ate lunch at the world's famous Lexington Market and visited my friend Paul. I walked a total of about 25 blocks. With all that, it was a great adventure.

IS CHUCK E. CHEESE A MARYLAND TOKEN ?

BY : W WALLACE STONE R- 47

Is a generic franchised issued token by a nationwide restaurant considered to be a Maryland token ? The company in question is the Chuck E. Cheese group of child oriented restaurants featuring video and skill arcade games, slides and general play areas. Along with child proven popular menu's birthday parties and large group gatherings are their format for letting "A Kid Be A Kid" as stated on their tokens. The CEC, (the New York Stock Exchange symbol) was founded in 1997 in San Jose, California and today has over 500 franchised restaurants and family entertainment centers in the United States as well as Canada, Central America, Australia. Maryland has 14 Chuck E. Cheese's, they are as follows.

ANNAPOLIS
BALTIMORE (2 locations)
BEL AIR
FREDERICK
GAITHERSBURG
GLEN BURNIE
HAGERSTOWN
LARGO
LAUREL
ROCKVILLE
SALISBURY
SILVER SPRING
WALDORF

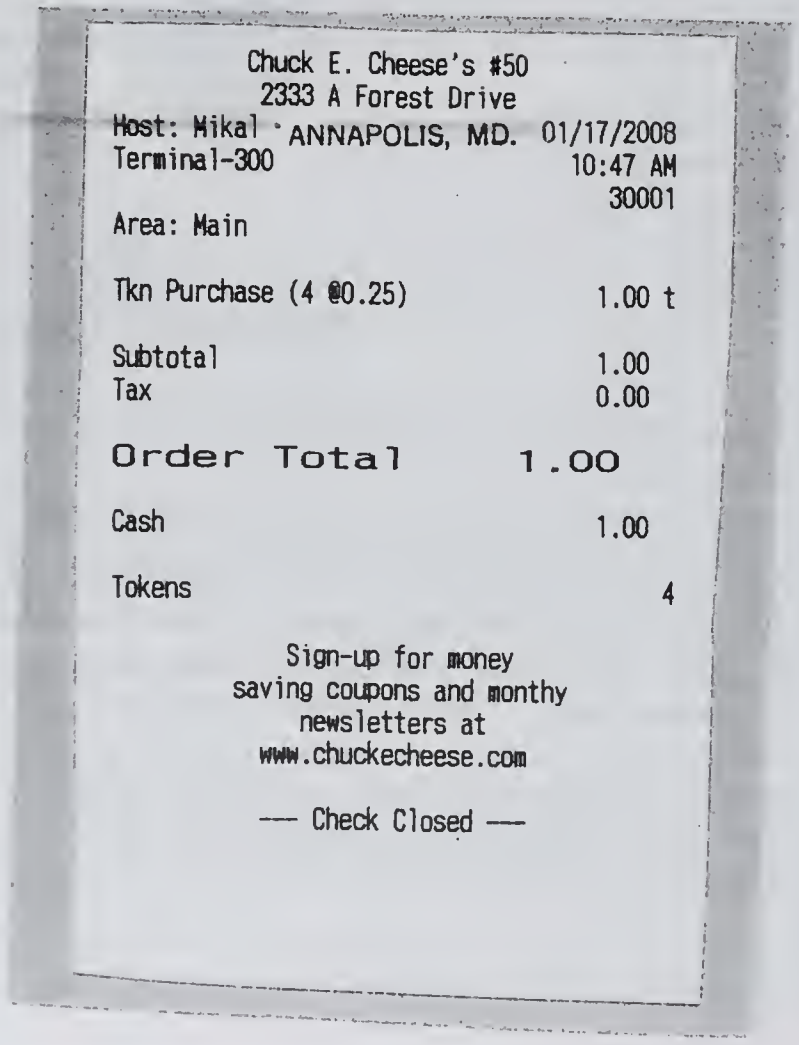
A new 2007 Chuck E. Cheese 25mm token.

Current *Chuck E. Cheese's* logo (2004-present)

The tokens issued by CEC are for the most part 25mm in size with a fewer numbers of the earlier years measuring 22mm. Some of the early years in the company's history included the names of cities where the franchise was located. This feature was abandoned after a few years and city names were not to appear again. For the variety specialist, CEC offers over 200 different combinations of size, composition of copper, brass, nickel, chrome plated, font size and style, color, variations abound in the character of Chuck E Cheese. Some with the adult style, others with the young mouse. In 1995 the logo symbol of the "Rat" was changed to that of a "Mouse". The combinations are nearly endless. There has been a limited issue of plastic tokens, which are among the more difficult to

obtain. The Chuck E. Cheese tokens are one of the few to be issued with the date of the year on the obverse. Thus a date run is possible.

The CEC company is currently testing a card access method for use in their arcade/skill games. If successful, restaurants will no longer use the tokens, instead using a refillable card to access credits and points. This concept is presently being tested at their corporate headquarters in Irving, Texas as well a nine other locations. If proven successful, and the tokens are to be replaced with the card system, many thousands of the CEC tokens will become a thing of the past ! Now is your time to visit a Chuck E. Cheese establishment and pick up a few of the tokens for your collection. They may be purchased for as few as four for a dollar, in rolls of 40 or 100 with a bonus of an extra 30.



Chuck E. Cheese's #50
2333 A Forest Drive
Host: Mikal ANNAPOLIS, MD. 01/17/2008
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30001
Area: Main

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Subtotal 1.00
Tax 0.00

Order Total 1.00

Cash 1.00

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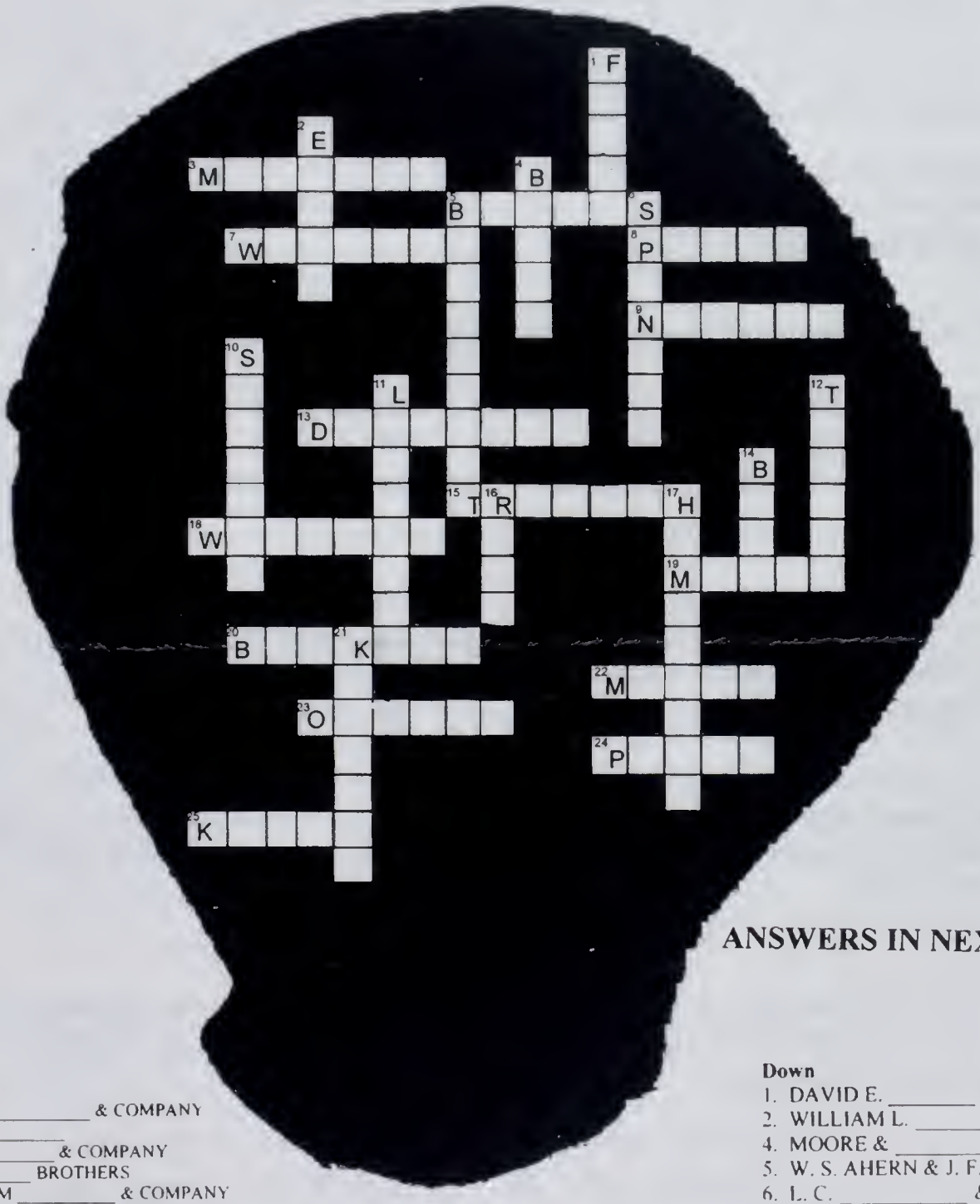
Does a proof of purchase receipt from a Maryland restaurant qualify to make this a Maryland Merchant Token ?

BALTIMORE OYSTER PACKERS

crossword puzzle by Jane Sears



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15. CHARLES _____
18 _____ & ELLIS
19 THOMAS J _____ & COMPANY
20 _____, CROWLE & COMPANY
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23 _____ & COMPANY
24 _____ & COMPANY (KEY HIGHWAY)
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